

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. An electronic camera comprising:
an imaging unit;
an image reproduction monitor;
an information input unit which adds private
information at the time of photographing an image; and
a prohibition unit which prohibits the
reproduction of an image on the image reproduction
monitor in accordance with the private information.
10 2. An electronic camera according to claim 1,
wherein the image reproduction is prohibited by
displaying predetermined information different from the
recorded image data.
3. An electronic camera according to claim 1,
15 wherein the image reproduction is prohibited by
displaying by converting the recorded image data into a
different image.
4. An electronic camera comprising:
an imaging unit;
20 a display unit having a first image recording area
and a second image recording area different from the
first image recording area, the display unit displaying
the image recorded in the first image recording area in
priority;
25 a judgment unit which judges the private imaging
operation at the time of imaging operation; and
a recording control unit which records information

in the second image recording area in accordance with the judgment of the private imaging operation.

5. An electronic camera configured to execute recording and reproducing an image and a voice, comprising:

10 a selecting unit which adds private information at the time of recording, and selects one of a mode for reproducing only the image and a mode for reproducing both the image and the voice at the time of reproduction in accordance with the private information.

15 6. An electronic camera according to claim 5, wherein the selecting unit selects the mode for reproducing only the image in priority in private mode, and selects the mode for reproducing both the image and the voice only by a predetermined operation.

20 7. An electronic camera comprising first and second electronic monitors arranged on the finder and the back of the camera, respectively, further comprising:

25 an information input unit which adds private information at the time of imaging operation; and a determining unit which determines the reproduction in selected one of the first electronic monitor and the second electronic monitor in accordance with the private information.

8. An electronic camera configured to execute

recording and reproducing an image and a voice,
wherein private information is added at the time
of recording, and in accordance with the private
information, the form of the image reproduced is
5 changed thereby to reduce the sound volume at the time
of voice reproduction.

9. An electronic camera configured to execute
recording and reproducing an image and a voice,
comprising:

10 an input unit which adds specific information at
the time of recording; and

a selecting unit which selects one of a plurality
of reproduction modes in accordance with the specific
information and a predetermined information input at
15 the time of reproduction.

10. An electronic camera according to claim 9,
wherein said plurality of reproduction modes
includes a mode for prohibiting the voice reproduction
or reducing the reproduced sound volume.

20 11. An electronic camera according to claim 9,
wherein said plurality of reproduction modes
includes a mode for displaying predetermined
information in place of the recorded image.

12. An electronic camera according to claim 9,
25 wherein the predetermined information input at the
time of reproduction is identical with the specific
information added at the time of recording.

13. An electronic camera comprising:

an imaging unit;

an image recording unit;

an image reproduction monitor;

5 a designation switch which designates a recorded image being reproduced on the image reproduction monitor; and

10 a control unit which sets recorded images other than the designated reproduced image into the display prohibition state and thus prohibits the display thereof.

14. An electronic camera according to claim 13,

wherein the control unit permits the display processing of enlargement, reduction and rotation of 15 the recorded images including the recorded image in the display prohibition state.

15. An electronic camera according to claim 13,

wherein the control unit lengthens the display time of the designated recorded image over the initial 20 set value.

16. An electronic camera according to claim 13,

wherein the control unit suspends the display of the recorded image upon the lapse of a predetermined length of time.

25 17. An electronic camera according to claim 16,

wherein the control unit restarts the display of the image in accordance with an arbitrary switching

operation after suspension of the image display upon the lapse of the predetermined length of time.

18. An electronic camera according to claim 14, wherein the control unit permits the display of other images than the designated recorded image by executing the designation of enlargement, reduction and rotation of the recorded image in a predetermined order.

19. An information device comprising:
10 an information input unit;
 an information recording unit; and
 an information reproduction unit,
 wherein the information recorded in the information recording unit is reproduced by the information reproduction unit in such a manner that the input of arbitrary information from the information input unit is prompted, and the degree of coincidence between the input information and a predetermined pattern is determined, and in the case where the degree of coincidence is high, the recorded information is reproduced.

20. An information device according to claim 19, wherein the information input unit has an image input unit and a voice input unit and determines the degree of coincidence based on selected one of an image and a voice.

21. An information device according to claim 19,

further comprising:

a determining unit which determines that a voice has been input; and

5 a reproduction unit which reproduces a predetermined image based on the output of the determining unit.

22. An information device according to claim 19, further comprising:

10 a determining unit which determines that an image has been input; and

a reproduction unit which reproduces a predetermined image based on the output of the determining unit.

23. A portable information apparatus comprising:

15 an input unit which inputs information including at least selected one of an image and a voice;

a storage unit which digitally stores the input information in nonvolatile form;

20 a reproduction unit which reproduces the information digitally stored;

a specifying unit which specifies at least one of the digital information stored in the storage unit; and

25 a control unit which performs the control operation to reproduce by the reproduction unit only the digital information specified by the specifying unit.

24. A portable information apparatus according to

claim 23, further comprising:

a cancellation unit which cancels the specification by the specifying unit.

25. An electronic camera having an image reproduction monitor and imaging unit, comprising:

a switch unit which designates the reproduced image at the time of controlling the image display on the reproduction monitor; and

10 an image display control unit which controls by prohibiting the display of images other than the image in accordance with the determination of the operation of the switching unit.

26. An electronic camera according to claim 25, wherein the control unit permits the display processing including the rotation, enlargement and reduction of the displayed image by the switching operation also in the prohibited state.

27. An electronic camera according to claim 25, wherein the control unit lengthens the display time of the displayed image.

28. An electronic camera according to claim 25, wherein the control unit erases the displayed image after a predetermined length of time.

29. An electronic camera according to claim 28, 25 wherein the control unit restarts the display of the image in response to an arbitrary switch operation in the case where the image is erased upon the lapse of

a predetermined length of time in the prohibited state.

30. An electronic camera according to claim 25,
wherein the display of other images than the
selected image is permitted in such a manner that the
display processing including the rotation, enlargement
and reduction of the image is executed in a
predetermined order while at the same time canceling
the prohibited state by the control unit.
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31. An information reproduction input device
10 having an information input function and an information
reproduction function, comprising:

a coincidence degree determining unit which
permits the reproduction of predetermined information
using the information reproduction function in the case
15 where the degree of coincidence between the input
information and a predetermined pattern is high when
the predetermined information is input using the
information input function.

32. An information reproduction input device
20 according to claim 31,

wherein the information input function includes an
image input function and a voice input function, and
the degree of coincidence is determined by the
information of selected one of the image input function
25 and the voice input function.

33. An information input reproduction device
comprising:

a determining unit which determines that a predetermined voice has been input; and

5 a reproduction unit which reproduces a predetermined image based on the result of determination by the determining unit.

34. An information input reproduction device comprising:

a determining unit which determines that a predetermined image has been input; and

10 a reproduction unit which reproduces a predetermined voice based on the result of determination by the determining unit.